The impact of interplay between electronic and steric effects on the synthesis and the linear and non-linear optical properties of diketopyrrolopyrroles bearing benzofuran moieties

Supporting Information

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General information

All chemicals were used as received unless otherwise noted. Reagent grade solvents (MeCN, CH_2Cl_2 , hexane, toluene) were distilled prior to use. All reported NMR spectra were recorded on 500 MHz spectrometer unless otherwise noted. Chemical shifts (δ ppm) for ¹H and ¹³C NMR were determined with TMS as the internal reference. UV-Vis absorption spectra were recorded in toluene. Chromatography was performed on silica (Kieselgel 60, 200-400 mesh). Mass spectra were obtained with EI ion source and the EBE double focusing geometry mass analyzer or spectrometer equipped with electrospray ion source with q-TOF type mass analyzer. Compounds **1a-1d** and **1f-1l** are commercially available.

Synthesis

2-Hydroxy-5-methoxy-3-(morpholinomethyl)benzaldehyde (1e)

Meo f_{N} Morpholine (260 µl, 3.0 mmol), paraformaldehyde (90 mg, 3.0 mmol) and 2-hydroxy-5methoxybenzaldehyde (380 mg, 2.5 mmol) were stirred under argon at 100 °C for 2.5 h. Then the mixture was crystallized from diethyl ether and recrystallized from diethyl ether:hexanes. Yield: 467 mg (74%). M.p.: 88-89 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 11.22 (1H, bs), 10.28 (1H, s), 7.10 (1H, d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 7.01 (1H, s), 3.81-3.75 (8H, m), 3.70 (2H, s), 2.60 (3H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 191.6, 155.6, 152.4, 124.4, 122.3, 109.9, 66.7, 59.6, 55.8, 53.0. EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₇NO₄ (M⁺⁺): 251.1158; found: 251.1159. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₃H₁₇NO₄: C 62.14, H 6.82, N 5.57; found: C 62.16, H 6.80, N 5.46.

General method for alkylation of salicylic aldehydes and hydroxyacetophenons (2a-2d, 2g, 2i-2k) Salicylic aldehyde or hydroxyacetophenone (10 mmol), freshly grounded K_2CO_3 (2.8 g, 20 mmol), KI (0.83 g, 5.0 mmol) and dry DMF (50 ml) were places in a three neck flask and purged with argon. Then the mixture was cooled down to 10 °C and chloroacetonitrile (0.76 ml, 12 mmol) was added dropwise, over 5 minutes. The reaction mixture was stirred at given temperature for given time. Then it was slowly poured into ice-water (50 ml) and stirred for 2 hours. The precipitate were cooled to room temperature, filtered, washed with water and dried under reduce pressure to give expected product.

2-(2-Bromo-6-formylphenoxy)acetonitrile (2a)

Prepared from 3-bromo-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (**1a**, 2.01 g, 10 mmol). Reaction conditions: room temperature, 3 h. Yield: 2.16 g (90%). M.p.: 106-107 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 10.34 (1H, s), 7.88 (1H, q, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 7.86 (1H, q, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 7.28 (1H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 4.96 (2H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 188.0, 155.4, 139.6, 131.6, 129.5, 127.5, 117.7, 114.2, 58.8. EI-HRMS calcd for C₉H₆BrNO₂ (M^{.+}): 238.9582; found: 238.9588. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₉H₆BrNO₂: C 45.03, H 2.52, N 5.83, Br 33.29; found: C 44.88, H 2.54, N 5.84, Br 33.29.

2-(4-Bromo-2-formylphenoxy)acetonitrile (2b)

^{Br} Prepared from 5-bromo-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (**1b**, 2.01 g, 10 mmol). Reaction conditions: room temperature, 3h. Yield: 2.23 g (93%). M.p.: 109-110 °C (lit. 103-105 °C)¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 10.36 (1H, s), 8.00 (1H, d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 7.73 (1H, dd, *J*₁ = 8.9 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.6 Hz), 6.66 (1H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 4.92 (2H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 187.0, 157.1, 138.4, 132.2, 127.0, 116.4, 114.6, 114.0, 54.0. EI-HRMS calcd for C₉H₆BrNO₂ (M⁺): 238.9582; found: 238.9582.

2-(4-Bromo-2-formyl-6-methoxyphenoxy)acetonitrile (2c)

2-(2-Formyl-6-methoxyphenoxy)acetonitrile (2d)

Prepared from 3-methoxy-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (**1d**, 1.52 g, 10 mmol). Reaction conditions: room temperature, overnight. Yield: 1.58 g (85%). M.p.: 111-112 °C (lit. 117-119 °C)¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 10.43 (1H, s), 7.48 (1H, dd, $J_1 = 7.7$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.7$ Hz), 7.28-7.19 (2H, m), 4.99 (2H, s), 3.95 (3H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 188.9, 152.1, 147.9, 130.1, 125.9, 120.0, 118.1, 115.0, 57.9, 56.2. EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₉NO₃ (M⁻⁺): 191.0582; found: 191.0580.

2-(2-Formyl-5-methoxyphenoxy)acetonitrile (2g)

Prepared from 4-methoxy-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (**1g**, 1.52 g, 10 mmol). Reaction conditions: room temperature, 3h. Purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate 1:1). Yield: 1.49 g (78%). M.p.: 100-101 °C (lit. 103-105 °C)¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 10.25 (1H, s), 7.88 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.71 (1H, dd, $J_1 = 8.7$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz), 6.54 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz), 4.89 (2H, s), 3.91 (3H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 187.2, 166.0, 159.9, 131.7, 119.6, 114.3, 107.9, 99.6, 55.9, 53.8. EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₉NO₃ (M⁺⁺): 191.0582; found: 191.0581.

2-((9-Formyl-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5H-pyrido[3,2,1-ij]quinolin-8-yl)oxy)acetonitrile (2i)

Prepared from 8-hydroxy-2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5H-pirydo[3,2,1-ij]quinoline-9carbaldehyde (**1i**, 2.31 g, 10 mmol). Reaction conditions: 50 °C, overnight. Yield: 1.25 g (49%). M.p.: 117-118 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 9.68 (1H, s), 7.19 (1H, s), 4.80 (2H, s), 3.30 (4H, q, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 2.85 (2H, t, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 2.73 (2H, t, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 1.99-1.92 (4H, m). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 187.4, 154.9, 148.9, 132.6, 117.6, 116.0, 115.7, 113.7, 58.6, 50.1, 49.7, 27.2, 21.2, 21.1, 20.6. EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₆N₂O₂ (M⁺⁺): 256.1212; found: 256.1204. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₅H₁₆N₂O₂: C 70.29, H 6.29, N 10.93; found: C 70.29, H 6.09, N 11.4.

2-(2-Acetylphenoxy)acetonitrile (2j)

Prepared from 1-(2-hydroxyphenyl)ethanone (**1j**, 1.36 g, 10 mmol). Reaction conditions: 60 $^{\circ}C_{CN}$ °C, 3 h. Purified by flash column chromatography (DCM). Yield: 1.57 g (89%). M.p.: 83-84 °C (lit. 82-83 °C)²; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.75 (1H, dd, $J_1 = 7.7$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.7$ Hz), 7.52 (1H, ddd, $J_1 = 8.3$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.5$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.8$ Hz), 7.16–7.04 (1H, m), 7.03 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 4.88 (2H, s), 2.61 (3H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 198.7, 155.2, 133.6, 130.9, 129.5, 123.3, 114.6, 113.2, 54.1, 31.6. EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₉NO₂ (M⁺⁺): 175.0633; found: 175.0629.

2-(2-Acetyl-5-methoxyphenoxy)acetonitrile (2k)

Prepared from 1-(2-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (**1k**, 1.66 g, 10 mmol). Reaction conditions: room temperature, 3 h. Purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes:DCM 2:1). Yield: 1.29 g (63%). M.p.: 116-117 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.86 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 6.67 (1H, dd, *J*₁ = 8.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.2 Hz), 6.52 (1H, d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 4.87 (2H, s), 3.88 (3H, s), 2.28 (3H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 196.6, 164.3, 157.4, 133.3, 122.0, 114.5, 107.6, 100.4, 55.8, 54.1, 31.5. ESI-HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₁NO₃Na (M+Na⁺): 228.0637; found: 228.0630. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₁H₁₁NO₃: C 64.38, H 5.40, N 6.83; found: C 64.43, H 5.29, N 6.79.

2-(2-Acetyl-4-methoxyphenoxy)acetonitrile (2l)

Prepared from 1-(2-hydroxy-5-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (**1**l, 1.66 g, 10 mmol). Reaction conditions: room temperature, overnight. Purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes:DCM 2:1). Yield: 1.54 g (75%). M.p.: 75-76 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.27 (1H, d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 7.08-7.00 (2H, m), 4.82 (2H, s), 3.82 (3H, s), 2.61 (3H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 198.3, 155.5, 149.5, 130.5, 119.5, 116.1, 114.9, 114.8, 55.8, 55.4, 31.3. EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₁NO₃ (M⁺⁺): 205.0739; found: 205.0736. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₁H₁₁NO₃: C 64.38, H 5.40, N 6.83; found: C 64.10, H 5.37, N 6.69.

Cyclization (Method A)

Alkylated salicylic aldehyde or hydroxyacetophenone (9.0 mmol), TBAHS (309 mg, 0.9 mmol), DCM (10 ml) and 50% aqueous solution of NaOH (10 ml) were placed in a flask and vigorously stirred at room temperature for 1 h. After reaction completion, the resulting mixture was cautiously poured into water (20 ml) and extracted with DCM. Combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Crude product was purified by flash chromatography (DCM:hexanes,1:1).

Cyclization (Method B)

Alkylated salicylic aldehyde or hydroxyacetophenone (9.0 mmol), freshly grounded K_2CO_3 (2.8 g, 20 mmol), TBAHS (153 mg, 0.45 mmol) and dry DMF (90 ml) were places in a three neck flask and purged with argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 1 h, then it was cooled and extracted with DCM. Combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The product was purified by the column chromatography in given eluting system.

One pot synthesis of cyanobeznofurans 3e, 3f, 3h (Method C)

Salicylic aldehyde or hydroxyacetophenone (10 mmol) and freshly grounded K_2CO_3 (4.2 g, 30 mmol) were placed in a three neck flask and purged with argon. Then dry DMF (60 ml) and chloroacetonitrile (0.76 ml, 12 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C overnight. Then it was cooled and diluted with water and methylene chloride. The aqueous layer was extracted with methylene chloride and combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvents were evaporated and the crude product was purified by the column chromatography in given eluting system.

7-Bromobenzofuran-2-carbonitrile (3a)

Prepared from **2a** (2.16 g, 9.0 mmol) according to method B. Yield: 1.04 g (52%). M.p.: 123-125 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.68 (1H, d, J = 7.7 Hz), 7.63 (1H, dd, J_1 = 7.9 Hz, J_2 = 0.4 Hz), 7.52 (1H, s), 7.26 (1H, t, J = 7.9 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 152.9, 131.4, 128.1, 126.7, 125.8, 121.7, 118.9, 111.1, 104.8. EI-HRMS calcd for C₉H₄BrNO (M⁺⁺): 220.9476; found: 220.9478. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₉H₄BrNO: C 48.68, H 1.82, N 6.31, Br 35.99; found: C 48.64, H 1.86, N 6.27, Br 36.01.

5-Bromobenzofuran-2-carbonitrile (3b)

^{Br} Prepared from (**2b**, 1.81 g, 9.0 mmol) according to method A. Yield: 659 mg (33%). Alternatively the title compound can be prepared according to method B. Purified by column chromatography (hexanes:DCM 2:3). Yield: 519 mg (26%). M.p.: 151-153 °C (lit. 147-149 °C)³; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.83 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 7.61 (1H, dd, *J*₁ = 8.9 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz), 7.45 (1H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 7.41 (1H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 154.3, 131.5, 128.5, 127.4, 125.1, 117.8, 117.5, 113.6, 111.2. EI-HRMS calcd for C₉H₄BrNO (M⁻⁺): 220.9476; found: 220.9477.

5-Bromo-7-methoxybenzofuran-2-carbonitrile (3c)

^{Br} Prepared from **2c** (2.43 g, 9.0 mmol) according to method A. Yield: 544 mg (24%). Alternatively the title compound can be prepared according to method B. Purified by column chromatography (hexanes:DCM 2:3). Yield 45% (1.02 g). M.p.: 122-123 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.40 (1H, d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 7.37 (1H, s), 7.07 (1H, d, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 4.02 (3H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 146.0, 144.4, 128.4, 128.3, 118.0, 117.7, 116.8, 113.5, 111.0, 56.6. EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₆BrNO₂ (M⁺⁺): 250.9582; found: 250.9579. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₀H₆BrNO₂: C 47.65, H 2.40, N 5.56, Br 31.70; found: C 47.87, H 2.28, N 5.55, Br 31.72.

7-Methoxybenzofuran-2-carbonitrile (3d)

Prepared from 2d (1.72 g, 9.0 mmol) according to method A. Yield: 747 mg (48%). Alternatively, the title compound can be prepared according to method B. Purified by column chromatography (DCM). Yield: 1.12 g (72%). M.p.: 103-105 °C (lit. 102-104 °C)³; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.44 (1H, s), 7.30–7.25 (2H, m), 6.98 (1H, dd, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.1 Hz), 4.03 (3H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 145.7, 145.5, 127.5, 127.2, 125.4, 118.7, 114.3, 111.6, 109.7, 56.2. EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₇NO₂ (M^{.+}): 173.0477; found: 173.0474.

5-Methoxy-7-(morpholinomethyl)benzofuran-2-carbonitrile (3e)

Naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-carbonitrile (3f)

Prepared from 1-formyl-2-hydroxynaphtalene (**1f**, 1.72 g, 10 mmol) according to method C. Purified by column chromatography (DCM). Yield: 617 mg (32%). M.p.: 89-90 °C (lit. 88-90 °C)³; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.11 (1H, bd, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.97 (1H, bd, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.92 (1H, bd, J = 9.1 Hz), 7.90 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz), 7.69–7.65 (1H, m), 7.64 (1H, dd, $J_1 = 9.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.7$ Hz), 7.60–7.56 (1H, m). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 154.2, 130.7, 130.0, 129.1, 127.8, 127.3, 126.5, 125.9, 123.2, 121.5, 117.3, 112.2, 112.1. EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₇NO (M⁺⁺): 193.0528; found: 193.0526.

6-Methoxybenzofuran-2-carbonitrile (3g)

^b Prepared from **2g** (1.72 g, 9.0 mmol) according to method B. Reaction time: 3h. Purified by column chromatography (hexsanes:DCM 3:2). Yield: 982 mg (63%). M.p.: 80-81 °C (lit. 78-80 °C)³; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.52 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.38 (1H, d, *J* = 0.5 Hz), 7.01-6.98 (2H, m), 3.88 (3H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 161.2, 157.2, 126.3, 122.7, 118.6, 118.5, 114.9, 112.2, 95.4, 55.8. EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₇NO₂ (M⁺): 173.0477; found: 173.0478.

6-(Didodecylamino)benzofuran-2-carbonitrile (3h)

Prepared from 4-didocylamino-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (**1h**, 4.73 g, 10 mmol) according to method C. Purified by column chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate 95:5). Yield: 3.07 g (62%). M.p.: 34-35 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.38 (1H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 7.27 (1H, s), 6.72 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 6.62 (1H, s), 3.34-3.28 (4H, m), 1.65-1.56 (4H, m), 1.36-1.24 (36H, m), 0.91-0.86 (6H, m). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 158.7, 149.6, 122.4, 118.9, 113.1, 111.4, 92.8, 51.6, 31.9, 29.6, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 27.1, 22.7, 14.1. HRMS calcd for C₃₃H₅₄N₂O (M⁺⁺): 494.4236; found: 494.4226. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{33}H_{54}N_2O$: C 80.10, H 11.00, N 5.66; found: C 80.13, H 10.96, N 5.65.

2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5H-furo[2,3-f]pyrido[3,2,1-ij]quinoline-10-carbonitrile (3i)

Prepared from **2i** (2.30 g, 9.0 mmol) according to method A. Reaction time: 2 h. Yield: 1.26 g (59%). M.p.: 120-121 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.20 (1H, s), 6.99 (1H, s), 3.23 (4H, dd, $J_1 = 11.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 6.6$ Hz), 2.90 (2H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.83 (2H, t, J = 6.4 Hz), 2.06-1.94 (4H, m). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 154.6, 143.6, 123.9, 121.1, 118.9, 118.6, 113.9, 113.4, 103.3, 50.2, 49.8, 28.3, 21.9, 20.8, 20.5. HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₅N₂O (M+H⁺): 239.1184; found: 239.1184. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₅H₁₄N₂O: C 75.61, H 5.92, N 11.76; found: C 75.35, H 6.09, N 11.48.

3-methylbenzofuran-2-carbonitrile (3j)

Prepared from **2j** (1.58 g, 9.0 mmol) according to method A. Reaction time: 2 h. Yield: 1.37 g (97%). M.p.: 66-67 °C (lit. 71-72 °C)⁴; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.60 (1H, bd, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.50 (2H, bd, J = 3.9 Hz), 7.38–7.33 (1H, m), 2.46 (3H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 155.4, 129.7, 128.4, 126.9, 125.0, 123.9, 120.9, 112.1, 111.9, 8.9. EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₇NO (M⁻⁺): 157.0528; found: 157.0522.

6-methoxy-3-methylbenzofuran-2-carbonitrile (3k)

Prepared from **2k** (1.85 g, 9.0 mmol) according to method A. Yield: 960 mg (57%). MeO^{MEO} M.p.: 86-87 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.44 (1H, dd, $J_1 = 8.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.9$ Hz), 6.99-6.95 (2H, m), 3.87 (3H, s), 2.41 (3H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 161.2, 156.8, 130.0, 124.1, 121.1, 120.2, 114.1, 112.2, 95.5, 55.8, 8.8. EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₉NO₂ (M^{·+}): 187.0633; found:187.0630.

5-methoxy-3-methylbenzofuran-2-carbonitrile (3l)

Prepared from **2l** (1.85 g, 9.0 mmol) according to method A. Yield: 1.50 g (89%). M.p.: 110-111 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.38 (1H, d, J = 9.1 Hz), 7.10 (1H, dd, $J_1 = 9.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.7$ Hz), 6.96 (1H, d, J = 2.7 Hz), 3.87 (3H, s), 2.42 (3H, s). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 156.8, 150.4, 129.6, 127.4, 125.5, 118.1, 112.7, 111.9, 101.9, 55.9, 8.8. EI-HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₉NO₂ (M⁺⁺): 187.0633; found: 187.0637. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₁H₉NO₂: C 70.58, H 4.85, N 7.48; found: C 70.43, H 5.04, N 7.38.

General procedure for synthesis of DPP (4a-h and 4j-k)

Tert-amyl alcohol (8 ml), sodium (250 mg, 11 mmol) and a catalytic amount of FeCl_3 were placed in a three necked flask. The mixture was refluxed under an argon atmosphere until sodium has completely reacted. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to 90 °C and cyanobenzofuran (5.0 mmol) was added.

The mixture was then heated to 110 °C and diisopropyl succinate (0.37 ml, 2.2 mmol) was added dropwise. After 16h of reaction at 110 °C, the mixture was quenched by the addition 20 ml of mixture water/methanol/acetic acid (1:1:1). The resulting suspension was refluxed for 1 h. Unless otherwise stated, the precipitate of the obtained pigment was filtered while still hot, washed several times with hot water and methanol and dried under vacuum.

3,6-bis(7-bromobenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (4a)



Prepared from **3a** (1.11 g, 5.0 mmol). Yield: 601 mg (52%). M.p.: decomp. > 390 °C. The NMR spectra of the product could not be obtained due to the low solubility. EI-HRMS calcd for $C_{22}H_{10}Br_2N_2O_4$ (M^{·+}): 523.9007; found:

523.8995.

3,6-bis(5-bromobenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (4b)



Prepared from **3b** (1.11 g, 5.0 mmol). Yield: 381 mg (33%). M.p.: > 400 °C. The NMR spectra of the product could not be obtained due to the low solubility. EI-HRMS calcd for $C_{22}H_{10}Br_2N_2O_4$ (M^{·+}): 523.9007; found:

523.8996. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{22}H_{10}Br_2N_2O_4$: C 50.22, H 1.92, N 5.32, Br 30.37; found: C 50.03, H 1.94, N 5.15, Br 30.20.

3,6-bis(5-bromo-7-methoxybenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (4c)



Prepared from **3c** (1.26 g, 5.0 mmol). Yield: 734 mg (57%). M.p.: decomp. > 340 °C. The NMR spectra of the product could not be obtained due to the low solubility. EI-HRMS calcd for $C_{24}H_{14}Br_2N_2O_6$ (M^{·+}): 583.9219;

found: 583.9216. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{24}H_{14}Br_2N_2O_6$: C 49.17, H 2.41, N 4.78, Br 27.26; found: C 48.93, H 2.43, N 4.89, Br 27.17.

3,6-bis(7-methoxybenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (4d)



Prepared from **3d** (865 mg, 5.0 mmol). Yield: 339 mg (36%). M.p.: > 400 °C. The NMR spectra of the product could not be obtained due to the low solubility. EI-HRMS calcd for $C_{24}H_{16}N_2O_6$ (M⁺⁺): 428.0998; found: 428.1008.

3,6-bis(5-methoxy-7-(morpholinomethyl)benzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (4e)



Prepared from 3e (1.36 g, 5.0 mmol). Yield: 579 mg (42%). M.p: > 400°C. The NMR spectra of the product could not be obtained due

to the low solubility. EI-HRMS calcd for $C_{34}H_{34}N_4O_8$ (M⁺): 626.2377; found: 626.2383.

3,6-bis(naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (4f)



Prepared from **3f** (965 mg, 5.0 mmol). Yield: 742 mg (72%). M.p: > 400°C. The NMR spectra of the product could not be obtained due to the low solubility. EI-HRMS calcd for $C_{30}H_{16}N_2O_4$ (M^{·+}): 468.1110; found:

468.1113.

3,6-bis(6-methoxybenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (4g)



Prepared from **3g** (865 mg, 5.0 mmol). Yield: 325 mg (28%). M.p.: > 400 °C. The NMR spectra of the product could not be obtained due to the low solubility. HRMS calcd for $C_{24}H_{16}N_2O_6$ (M^{·+}): 428.1008; found:

428.0999. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{24}H_{16}N_2O_6$: C 67.29, H 3.76, N 6.54; found: C 67.16, H 4.00, N 6.45.

3,6-bis(6-(didodecylamino)benzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (4h)



Prepared from **3h** (2.48 g, 5.0 mmol). Yield: 353 mg (15%). After quenching the reaction mixture was concentrated almost to dryness, 20 ml of cyclohexane was added and the resulting solution was

filtered through Celite pad. More cyclohexane was added until all coloured compounds were washed out, except of green compound on the top of Celite pad. Then, collecting flask was replaced and Celite pad was washed with DCM. Green compound was collected, evaporated and crystallized from pyridine. M.p.: 202-203 °C; ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 500 MHz, 70 °C): δ 8.45 (2H, s), 7.35 (2H, s), 7.23 (2H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 6.74 (2H, s), 6.65 (2H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 3.19 (8H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 1.63-1.54 (8H, m), 1.37-1.25 (56H, m), 0.97-0.87 (16H, m), 0.46-0.39 (12H, m). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz, 70 °C): δ signals from aromatic carbon atoms were not detected, 51.9, 32.3, 30.1, 30.1, 30.0, 30.0, 29.9, 29.7, 27.7, 27.5, 23.0, 14.2. ESI-HRMS calcd for C₇₀H₁₁₁N₄O₄ (M+H⁺): 1071.8605; found: 1071.8608. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₇₀H₁₁₀N₄O₄: C 78.45, H 10.35, N 5.23; found: C 78.44, H 10.21, N 5.04.

3,6-bis(2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5H-furo[2,3-f]pyrido[3,2,1-ij]quinolin-10-yl)-2,5dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (4i)



Prepared from **3i** (1.19 g, 5.0 mmol). Yield: 847 mg (69%). M.p.: decomp. > 250 °C. The NMR spectra of the product could not be obtained due to the low solubility. EI-HRMS calcd for $C_{34}H_{30}N_4O_4$ (M⁺⁺): 558.2267;

found: 558.2282.

3,6-bis(3-methylbenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (4j)



Prepared from **3j** (789 mg, 5.0 mmol). Yield: 497 mg (57%). M.p.: decomp. > 315 °C. The NMR spectra of the product could not be obtained due to the low solubility. EI-HRMS calcd for $C_{24}H_{16}N_2O_4$ (M⁺⁺): 396.1110; found:

396.1117. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{24}H_{16}N_2O_4$: C 72.72, H 4.07, N 7.07; found: C 72.67, H 4.35, N 6.78.

3,6-bis(6-methoxy-3-methylbenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (4k)



Prepared from **3k** (936 mg, 5.0 mmol). Yield: 532 mg (53%). M.p.: decomp. > 205 °C. The NMR spectra of the product could not be obtained due to the low solubility. ESI-HRMS calcd for $C_{26}H_{20}N_2O_6Na$

(M+Na⁺): 479.1219; found: 479.1208.

3,6-bis(5-methoxy-3-methylbenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione(4l)



Prepared from **3k** (936 mg, 5.0 mmol). Yield: 215 mg (21%). M.p.: decomp. > 320 °C. The NMR spectra of the product could not be obtained due to the low solubility. HRMS calcd for $C_{26}H_{20}N_2O_6$ (M^{·+}):

456.1321; found: 456.1312.

General method of alkylation of DPP (5a-h and 5j-k)

A mixture of DPP (1 mmol), TBAHS (17 mg, 0.05 mmol), K_2CO_3 (2.07 g, 15 mmol) in DMF (25 ml) was heated to 120 °C under argon atmosphere. Then *n*-bromohexane (1.4 ml, 10 mmol) or 2-(2-(2-(methoxy)ethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl chloride (19.8 ml, 10 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 120 °C, then cooled down. Unless otherwise specified, the mixture was extracted with DCM and combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄. Solvents were evaporated and the final product was purified by the column chromatography in given eluting system.

3,6-bis(7-bromobenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihexyl-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (5a)



Prepared from **4a** (526 mg, 1.0 mmol) and *n*-bromohexane. Purified by column chromatography (DCM). Yield: 417 mg (60%). M.p.: 286-288 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.78 (2H, s), 7.62 (2H, d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.52 (2H, d, *J* = 7.5

Hz), 7.16 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 4.31-4.25 (4H, m), 1.86-1.78 (4H, m), 1.57-1.49 (4H, m), 1.41-1.29 (8H, m), 0.89 (6H, t, J = 7.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 160.7, 152.8, 145.8, 133.9, 130.1, 129.2, 125.3, 121.7, 116.5, 109.4, 104.1, 43.3, 31.7, 30.7, 26.7, 22.6, 14.0. EI-HRMS calcd for C₃₄H₃₄Br₂N₂O₄ (M^{.+}): 692.0885; found: 692.0876. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₃₄H₃₄ Br₂N₂O₄: C 58.80, H 4.93, Br 23.01, N 4.04; found: C 58.61, H 4.79, Br 23.03, N 3.92.

3,6-bis(5-bromobenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihexyl-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (5b)



Prepared from **4b** (526 mg, 1.0 mmol) and *n*-bromohexane. Crystallization from DCM. Yield: 694 mg (70%). M.p.: 276-277 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.69 (2H, s), 7.84 (2H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 7.53 (2H, dd, *J*₁ = 8.7 Hz, *J*₂

= 1.8 Hz), 7.40 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz), 4.24 (4H, t, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.77 (4H, p, J = 7.7 Hz), 1.50-1.42 (4H, m), 1.41-1.34 (8H, m), 0.90 (6H, t, J = 7.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 160.7, 154.3, 146.4, 134.1, 130.4, 130.0, 125.1, 117.4, 115.4, 112.9, 109.5, 42.8, 31.4, 30.3, 26.6, 22.6, 14.0. EI-HRMS calcd for C₃₄H₃₄Br₂N₂O₄Na (M⁺⁺): 715.0783; found: 715.0781.

3,6-bis(5-bromo-7-methoxybenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihexyl-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (5c)



Prepared from 4c (586 mg, 1.0 mmol) and *n*-bromohexane. Purified by column chromatography (DCM:hexanes 1:1 \rightarrow 3:1). Yield: 679 mg (90%). M.p.: 245-246 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.62 (2H, s), 7.41 (2H, d,

J = 1.4 Hz, 6.99 (2H, d, J = 1.3 Hz), 4.26-4.21 (4H, m), 4.00 (6H, s), 1.81-7.74 (4H, m), 1.52-1.44 (4H, m), 1.40-1.28 (8H, m), 0.98-0.87 (6H, m).¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 160.7, 146.2, 145.9, 144.1, 134.1, 130.7, 117.2, 116.9, 115.3, 112.5, 109.2, 56.3, 43.0, 31.4, 30.4, 26.6, 22.6, 14.0. EI-HRMS calcd for C₃₆H₃₈Br₂N₂O₆ (M⁻⁺): 752.1097; found: 752.1094.

2,5-dihexyl-3,6-bis(7-methoxybenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (5d)



Prepared from **4d** (428 mg, 1 mmol) and *n*-bromohexane. Purified by column chromatography (DCM:hexanes 1:1). Yield: 364 mg (61%). M.p.: 263-264 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.71 (2H, s), 7.29 (2H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.21 (2H,

t, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.89 (2H, d, J = 7.7 Hz), 4.30-4.24 (4H, m), 4.01 (6H, s), 1.84-1.76 (4H, m), 1.53-1.46 (4H, m), 1.41-1.29 (8H, m), 0.90 (6H, t, J = 7.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 160.9, 145.6, 145.5, 145.2, 134.3, 129.8, 124.6, 116.4, 114.6, 109.1, 108.8, 56.0, 43.0, 31.4, 30.4, 26.6, 22.7, 14.0. ESI-HRMS calcd for C₃₆H₄₀N₂O₆Na (M+Na⁺): 619.2784; found: 619.2783. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₃₆H₄₀N₂O₆: C 72.46, H 6.76, N 4.69; found: C 72.23, H 6.71, N 4.58.

2,5-dihexyl-3,6-bis(5-methoxy-7-(morpholinomethyl)benzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (5e)



Prepared from 4e (627 mg, 1 mmol) and *n*-bromohexane. Purified by column chromatography (DCM \rightarrow DCM:MeOH 99:1) and crystallization form DCM:acetone. Yield: 628 mg (79%). M.p.: 231-232 °C; ¹H NMR

(CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.71 (2H, s), 7.77 (2H, s), 7.02 (2H, d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 4.28 (4H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 3.87 (6H, s), 3.79 (4H, s), 3.75-3.71 (8H, m), 2.54 (8H, s), 1.82 (4H, p, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 1.52-1.44 (4H, m), 1.40-

1.30 (8H, m), 0.89 (6H, t, J = 6.9 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 160.9, 156.9, 150.0, 145.9, 134.1, 128.6, 122.6, 117.9, 116.5, 108.8, 102.4, 67.0, 56.8, 55.9, 53.8, 42.9, 31.7, 30.6, 26.9, 22.7, 14.0. EI-HRMS calcd for C₄₆H₅₈N₄O₈ (M⁺⁺): 794.4255; found: 794.4226. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₄₆H₅₈N₂O₈: C 69.50, H 7.35, N 7.05; found: C 69.35, H 7.09, N 7.06.

2,5-bis(2-(2-(2-methoxy)ethoxy)ethyl)-3,6-bis(naphtho[2,1-b]furan-2-yl)-2,5dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (5f)



4f Prepared from (468 1.0 mmol) and 2-(2-(2mg, (methoxy)ethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl chloride. Purified by column chromatography (DCM:acetone 4:1) and crystallization from toluene. Yield: 350 mg (46%). M.p.: 223–224°C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.13 (2H, s), 8.29 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.86 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.75 (2H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 7.67-7.62 (2H, m), 7.58 (2H, d, J = 8.9 Hz), 7.59-7.52 (2H, m), 4.58 (4H, t, J = 6.2 Hz), 3.88 (4H, t, J = 6.2 Hz), 3.72-3.68 (4H, m), 3.58-3.53

(4H, m), 3.50-3.46 (4H, m), 3.38-3.33 (4H, m), 3.25 (6H, s). 13 C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.8, 153.8, 145.0, 133.6, 130.6, 129.0, 128.8, 127.5, 127.3, 125.6, 124.2, 124.1, 115.1, 111.8, 108.4, 71.8, 70.7, 70.6, 70.5, 69.8, 58.9, 42.0. ESI-HRMS calcd for: C₄₄H₄₄N₂O₁₀Na (M+Na⁺): 783.2894; found: 783.2874.

2,5-dihexyl-3,6-bis(6-methoxybenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (5g)

$$MeO \xrightarrow{C_{e}H_{13}} O \xrightarrow{O} O O \xrightarrow{O} O \longrightarrow{O} O \to O \to O \to O O \to O$$

Prepared from 4g (428 mg, 1.0 mmol) and *n*-bromohexane. Combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over MgSO₄. The mixture was concentrated to $\frac{1}{4}$ volume and the precipitate was filtered

and washed with DCM. Yield: 448 mg (75%). M.p.: 279-280 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.69 (2H, s), 7.56 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.99-6.92 (4H, m), 4.27-4.20 (4H, m), 3.89 (6H, s), 1.82-1.74 (4H, m), 1.51-1.43 (4H, m), 1.42-1.29 (8H, m), 0.93-0.88 (6H, m). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 160.8, 160.5, 157.1, 145.0, 133.6, 122.9, 121.7, 116.4, 114.0, 107.9, 95.2, 55.8, 42.7, 31.5, 30.2, 26.6, 22.6, 14.1. EI-HRMS calcd for C₃₆H₄₀N₂O₆ (M⁺⁺): 596.2886; found: 596.2880. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₃₆H₄₀N₂O₆: C 72.46, H 6.76, N 4.69; found: C 72.24, H 6.97, N 4.52.

2,5-dihexyl-3,6-bis(2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5H-furo[2,3-f]pyrido[3,2,1-ij]quinolin-10-yl)-2,5dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (5i)



Prepared from **4i** (559 mg, 1.0 mmol) and *n*-bromohexane. Purified by column chromatography (hexanes:DCM 1:3) and crystallized from pyridine. Yield: 516 mg (71%). M.p.: 250-252 °C; ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 500

MHz, 70 °C): δ 9.21 (2H, s), 6.83 (2H, s), 4.42-4.37 (4H, m), 2.84-2.76 (12H, m), 2.54 (4H, t, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.92 (4H, p, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 1.73 (4H, p, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 1.64 (4H, p, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 1.50 (4H, p, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 1.50 (4H, p, J = 7.

Hz), 1.36-1.25 (8H, m), 0.86 (6H, t, J = 7.0Hz). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 126 MHz, 70 °C): δ signals from aromatic carbon atoms were not detected, 50.5, 50.1, 43.0, 32.1, 31.1, 28.5, 27.2, 25.4, 22.9, 22.6, 21.5, 21.2, 14.1. EI-HRMS calcd for C₄₆H₅₄N₄O₄ (M^{.+}): 726.4145; found: 726.4160. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₄₆H₅₄N₄O₄: C 76.00, H 7.49, N 7.71; found: C 76.16, H 7.60, N 7.90.

2,5-dihexyl-3,6-bis(3-methylbenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (5j)

chromatography (DCM). Yield: 136 mg (24%). M.p.: 166-167 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.69 (2H, d, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.48 (2H, d, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.43 (2H, t, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.34 (2H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 3.96-3.89 (4H, m), 2.55 (6H, s), 1.64 (4H, p, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 1.33-1.19 (12H, m), 0.79-0.84 (6H, m). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 160.8, 155.2, 140.0, 135.8, 129.7, 127.1, 125.6, 123.3, 120.9, 111.4, 110.2, 42.5, 31.3, 29.5, 26.4, 22.5, 13.9, 10.1. ESI-HRMS calcd for $C_{36}H_{40}N_2O_4Na$ (M+Na⁺): 587.2886; found: 587.2879. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{36}H_{40}N_2O_4$:

Prepared from 4j (396 mg, 1.0 mmol) and *n*-bromohexane. Purified by column

C 76.57, H 7.14, N 4.96; found: C 76.52, H 7.18, N 4.86.

2,5-dihexyl-3,6-bis(6-methoxy-3-methylbenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4dione (5k)



Prepared from 4k (456 mg, 1.0 mmol) and *n*-bromohexane. Purified by column chromatography (DCM:hexanes 1:1). Yield: 225 mg (36%). M.p.: 164-165 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.56-752 (2H, m), 6.98-6.94

(4H, m), 3.95-3.88 (10H, m), 2.25 (6H, s), 1.64 (4H, p, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.33-1.21 (12H, m), 0.83 (6H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 160.9, 160.3, 156.5, 139.4, 135.3, 126.0, 123.3, 121.2, 113.0, 109.4, 95.3, 55.8, 42.5, 31.3, 29.4, 26.4, 22.5, 14.0, 10.23. EI-HRMS calcd for $C_{38}H_{44}N_2O_6$ (M⁺⁺): 624.3199; found: 624.3206. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₃₈H₄₄N₂O₆: C 73.05, H 7.10, N 4.48; found: C 73.03, H 7.26, N 4.50.

2,5-dihexyl-3,6-bis(5-methoxy-3-methylbenzofuran-2-yl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4dione (51)



Prepared from 4l (456 mg, 1.0 mmol) and *n*-bromohexane. Purified by column chromatography (DCM:hexanes 1:1) and crystallization from *i*-PrOH. Yield: 131 mg (21%). M.p.: 119-120 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500

MHz): δ 7.37 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.07 (2H, d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 7.04 (2H, dd, *J*₁ = 8.9 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.6 Hz), 3.93-3.88 (10H, m), 2.51 (6H, s), 1.62 (4H, p, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.32-1.19 (12H, m), 1.82 (6H, t, *J* = 6.9 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): 8 160.8, 156.4, 150.3, 140.8, 135.7, 130.2, 125.5, 116.7, 112.0, 110.0, 102.3, 56.0, 42.5, 31.3, 29.4, 26.4, 22.5, 13.9, 10.2. HRMS calcd for $C_{38}H_{44}N_2O_6$ (M⁺⁺): 624.3199; found: 624.3209. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₃₈H₄₄N₂O₆: C 73.05, H 7.10, N 4.48; found: C 73.12, H 7.04, N 4.34.

Chemical formula	$C_{36}H_{40}N_2O_4$		
Formula weight	564.70 g/mol		
Temperature	273(2) K		
Wavelength	1 54178 Å		
Crystal size	0 130 x 0 142 x 0 222 mm		
Crystal habit	orange plate		
Crystal system	monoclinic		
Snace group	P1 21/c1		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.882(2) Å	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$	
	b = 6.1567(13) Å	$\beta = 99.617(15)^{\circ}$	
	c = 22.083(4) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$	
Volume	1592.8(6) Å ³		
Z	2		
Diffractometer	Bruker APEX-II CCD		
Radiation source	fine-focus sealed tube, CuK_{α}		
Reflections collected	12084		
Independent reflections	2696 [R(int) = 0.1045]		
Tmin, Tmax	0.902, 0.924		
Absorption correction	numerical		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²		
Function minimized	$\Sigma w (F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$		
Data / restraints / parameters	2696 / 0 / 200		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.938		
Δ/σ_{max}	0.056		
Final R indices	1166 data; I>2σ(I)	R1 = 0.0736, $wR2 = 0.1614$	
	all data	R1 = 0.1821, wR2 = 0.1933	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.310 and -0.173 eÅ ⁻³		

Table S1. Crystallographic data for 5j. CCDC No. 1515317

The crystals of **5j** suitable for X-ray crystallography were obtained by slow evaporation of solution of **5j** in dichloromethane/cyclohexane mixture. The X-ray intensity data were measured on a Bruker APEX-II CCD system equipped with a graphite monochromator and a CuK_{α} fine-focus sealed tube (λ = 1.54178 Å). A total of 2291 frames were collected. The total exposure time was 44.55 hours. The frames were integrated with the Bruker SAINT software package using a narrow-frame algorithm. Data were corrected for absorption effects using the numerical method (SADABS). The structure was solved and refined using the Bruker SHELXTL Software Package.













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